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Council Meeting Date: 8/6/2007	Department ID Number: CS07-019	

## CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

**SUBMITTED TO:** HONORABLE COUNCIL MEMBERS

**SUBMITTED BY:** MAYOR GIL COERPER <sup>G.C.P.</sup> AND COUNCILMEMBER CATHY GREEN, <sup>C.G.</sup>  
Liaisons to the Children's Needs Task Force

**PREPARED BY:** JIM B. ENGLE, DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY SERVICES <sup>J.B.E.</sup>

**SUBJECT:** APPROVE APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE  
CHILDREN'S NEEDS TASK FORCE

Statement of Issue, Funding Source, Recommended Action, Alternative Action(s), Analysis, Environmental Status, Attachment(s)
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**Statement of Issue:** There are three adult vacancies and three student vacancies on the Children's Needs Task Force.

**Funding Source:** Not applicable.

**Recommended Action:** Motions to:

1. Approve the appointment of student Erica Salisbury to the Children's Needs Task Force for a term of August 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008;
2. Approve the reappointment of students Alison Baskin and Nicolette Schindler to the Children's Needs Task Force for a term of August 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008; and
3. Approve the appointments of Broc Coward, Stan Cohen, and Kecia Van Mechelen to the Children's Needs Task Force for a term of September 1, 2007 through August 30, 2011.

**Alternative Action(s):** Do not make appointments/reappointments to the Children's Needs Task Force at this time, and request further review by the Council liaisons.

**Analysis:** There are currently one student and three adults applying for appointment to the Children's Needs Task Force, and two students applying for reappointment. The vacancies on the task force were posted from the City of Huntington Beach official website. The proposed candidates were reviewed by the Council liaisons, and their qualifications were deemed suitable for the Children's Needs Task Force. Each candidate demonstrates a committed interest in the welfare of children:

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1. Alison Baskin participates in school leadership and volunteers in the Huntington Beach community. She has become an integral part of the Children's Needs Task Force. Alison has actively participated in Task Force events to further educate the community on the needs of children, and contributes to each meeting in a positive and effective manner.
2. Nicolette Schindler tutors middle school children at Marine View and Spring View Schools. She has become an integral part of the Children's Needs Task Force. Nicolette actively participates in Task Force events to further educate the community on the needs of children, and contributes to each meeting in a positive and effective manner.
3. Erica Salisbury volunteers after hours at school, tutoring children at risk and teaching Sunday school. This experience contributes necessary skills and perspective to further the goals of the Children's Needs Task Force. Erica is committed to working to ensure the best possible environment for raising children to become successful members of the Huntington Beach community.
4. Broc Coward is a public servant who has spent his career working with a variety of governmental agencies including the board of education, state assembly and local city council. Broc's desire is to effectively utilize his knowledge and understanding of government to serve and promote the well-being of the youth within the Huntington Beach community.
5. Stan Cohen is a long term Huntington Beach resident and father of two. He has volunteered in youth sports programs and has a sincere desire to help the children in the community by becoming involved in the Children's Needs Task Force.
6. Kecia Van Mechelen is a mother of two children and a community volunteer. She has served as a crisis intervention specialist and youth counselor and currently coordinates, trains and oversees the daily workings of a national crisis hotline. As a resident and mother, she would like to support the best possible environment for children to grow and become successful members of the community.

Staff concurs with the recommendations of the Council liaisons.

**Strategic Plan Goal:** Appointing and reappointing at-large community and student representatives to the Children's Needs Task Force would meet Strategic Plan Goal E-1, increase community involvement, dialogue, and outreach by educating residents about opportunities for involvement, assuring that the community is well represented on this Council approved task force.

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**Environmental Status:** Not applicable.

**Attachment(s):**

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4	1.	Children's Needs Task Force Roster

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**ATTACHMENT #1**

# CHILDREN'S NEEDS TASK FORCE

## 2007 / 2008 ROSTER

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>No. of Terms</u>	<u>Current Term</u>
**	Alison Baskin	Student Rep	2nd Term	08/07 - 06/08
	Adam Buttons	At Large	1st Term	09/04 - 08/08
*	Stan Cohen	At Large	1st Term	09/07 - 08/11
	Ian Collins	At Large	3rd Term	09/04 - 08/08
*	Broc Coward	At Large	1st Term	09/07 - 08/11
	Robert Dettloff	At Large	1st Term	09/04 - 08/08
	Pat Guidotti	At Large	1st Term	09/04 - 08/08
	Robert Hart	At Large	1st Term	09/05 - 09/09
	Phyllis Lembke	At Large	2nd Term	09/04 - 08/08
	Cathy McGough	At Large	2nd Term	09/04 - 08/08
*	Kecia Van Mechelen	At Large	1st Term	09/07 - 08/11
*	Erica Salisbury	Student Rep	1st Term	08/07 - 06/08
**	Nicolette Schindler	Student Rep	2nd Term	08/07 - 06/08
*	Appointment pending Council approval			
**	Reappointment pending Council approval			